

tractor wheels to rubber tires. The operation expanded to include custom grain and bean harvesting. Harold Flory designed and built 2 bean harvesters for use in their harvesting business. These 2 machines lasted from 1935 to 1974, for a total of 30 harvest seasons.

In 1961, the first Flory pick-up harvester was built; it was a small three-point mounted, tractor-powered harvester that was primarily used for harvesting almonds. Flory Industries continued to grow with the times and in 1969 they introduced the self-propelled harvester with a 4-foot pick-up width. This was the first in the agriculture industry to use a hydrostatic ground drive. In 1972, Flory once again met the needs of the industry by developing a self-propelled heavy-duty sweeper. The sweeper produced by Flory has continued to improve to meet the industry needs and today's diesel engine designs.

Today, Flory Industries is still considered to be a leader in the field of nut-harvesting equipment, with sales in the worldwide market. Their equipment is used in the harvest of almonds, cashews, figs, hazelnuts, macadamias, pecans, tung nuts, and walnuts. The technology of the equipment has improved over the past 7 decades to meet both the needs of the industry for efficient harvesting and the reduction of dust to improve air quality. The company's commitment to cleaner air is evident with the manufacturing of the brush shredder to eliminate the winter burning of orchard prunings. They continue to work with educational institutions including California Polytechnic State University, University of California at Davis, California State University, Fresno, and New Mexico State on environmental concerns.

Flory Industries manufacturing facilities and offices are located on the original property purchased by the family almost 100 years ago. The company has been repairing and building farm equipment since 1936. Today, four generations work in the family business led by President Howard Flory.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Flory Industries upon its induction into the Agriculture Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the company, and the Flory family, many years of continued growth and success.

HONORING ZACHARY M. HUGHES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary M. Hughes of Kansas City, Missouri. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary M. Hughes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

# EMMY AWARDED TO US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN AND NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues a press release which announces that the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association have won the only Public Service Emmy Award presented nationwide in the category of local public service announcements. I would also like to pay tribute to Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers which for nearly 160 years has provided critical health care in New York and beyond, and is an important member of the US Family Health Plan. I am also pleased and proud to add that today, Saint Vincent's has a highly capable and dynamic new chief executive officer, Henry J. Amoroso, who is leading plans to build a new "all-green, all-digital" 21st century health care facility that will serve hundreds of thousands of patients annually.

AND THE EMMY AWARD GOES TO: THE US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN AND THE NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(By Michelle Joyner and Susan Oakland)

WASHINGTON, DC, November 20, 2008.—A series of public service announcements (PSAs) jointly sponsored by the US Family Health Plan, a DOD-sponsored military healthcare plan and the National Military Family Association, a non-profit organization committing to improving the lives of military families, has been honored with an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The PSA series, "Now is Our Time to Serve," was designed to raise awareness of the need to "support, befriend, remember and appreciate" America's military family members. It won the only Public Service Emmy Award presented nationwide in the category of Local Public Service Announcements, designed for the PSAs that have aired in up to 50 percent of the country's TV markets.

The series aired from July 2007 through February 2008, with total viewership topping 7.3 million, including broadcasts in major U.S. television markets and airings in over 200 movie theatres prior to family film screenings. The announcements—just one facet of an ongoing partnership between the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association—may be viewed online at [www.yearofthemilitaryfamily.org](http://www.yearofthemilitaryfamily.org). The PSAs were produced for the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association by Marion, Montgomery, Inc. "US Family Health Plan delivers the TRICARE Prime benefit to many of our beneficiaries and we certainly applaud these kinds of public awareness efforts," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity. "Congratulations go out to everyone involved in raising awareness about the needs of our military families."

Kate Ryan, chair of the US Family Health Plan Alliance, said, "We are honored to share the Emmy Award with the National Military Family Association. Both the NMFA and the US Family Health Plan are passionate about service uniformed services families and it's gratifying to know that our collaboration has helped spread the word about the need to support these everyday American heroes."

Nancey Alsheimer, chairman of the National Military Family Association Board of Governors, said, "The Emmy Award gives us renewed pride in our mission of protecting and promoting the interests of military families. The Emmy Award for the series will bring additional attention to the important message of support for families—and for that, we are grateful."

The US Family Health Plan, a Department of Defense-sponsored health plan, is made available by nonprofit healthcare providers in six service areas across the country. It serves over 100,000 military beneficiaries, including active-duty family members, activated Guard and Reserve family members, and retirees and their family members. One of its hallmarks is its ability to maintain a consistently high level of patient satisfaction; in fact, in 2008, overall satisfaction with the health plan is 87.9 percent, compared to 61.9 percent for traditional HMOs. The six not-for-profit organizations through which enrollment in the US Family Health Plan is offered include:

Johns Hopkins Medicine (1-800-801-9322)—serving Maryland, Washington D.C., and parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia

Martin's Point Health Care (1-888-241-4556)—serving Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and northeastern New York

Brighton Marine Health Center (1-800-818-8589)—serving Massachusetts, including Cape Cod, plus Rhode Island and northern Connecticut

Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers (1-800-241-4848)—serving parts of New York, all of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and southern Connecticut

CHRISTUS Health (1-800-678-7347)—serving southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana

Pacific Medical Centers (1-888-958-7347)—serving the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

For more information about the US Family Health Plan, visit [www.usfamilyhealthplan.org](http://www.usfamilyhealthplan.org).

The National Military Family Association, the only nonprofit organization that represents families of all ranks and services, prepares spouses, children and parents to better deal with the unique challenges of military life. The Association protects benefits vital to all families, including those of the deployed, wounded and fallen. For nearly 40 years, its staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation as the leading experts on military family issues. For more information, visit <http://nmfa.org>.

Marion Montgomery, Inc. is a full-service marketing, public relations and interactive agency based in Houston, Texas. It produced the PSA series for the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association. For more information on Marion Montgomery, Inc. visit [www.mmihouston.com](http://www.mmihouston.com).

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